

NEXT SATURDAY

May 4 from 9am to 2pm
It's time to help make Fairlington

Spring Clean!

Painting Cleaning
Landscaping Minor Repairs

All hands are welcome!
Drop-ins welcome, too.
Jobs for the whole family.
Free pizza at lunch for the helpers!

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Disaster Relief

Starting May 5 through June 2, Fairlington United Methodist Women will be collecting monetary donations and items for school and hygiene kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). When a disaster strikes and there's no ready access to essential supplies these kits help sustain everyday life for people in the United States. We will have containers in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall for you to drop off your donations. Please give monetary donations to a UMW Rep. **UMCOR is very specific regarding what supplies they will accept, so please adhere to this list of items.** Take it with you when you go shopping!

For more information, contact **Katie Courlander** (katiecourlander@gmail.com) or **Marcy Lewis** (JEKmom3@gmail.com).

<u>Hygiene Kit:</u>	<u>School Kit:</u>
Hand Towel (No kitchen, cleaning or microfiber)	Blunt scissors (round tip only; no plastic)
Washcloth	One Subject Notebooks (no composition books)
Comb (sturdy and at longer than 6")	Loose Leaf paper (up to 200 sheets)
Metal Nail Clippers	Hand held pencil sharpener (1" or longer)
Bath-size soap (No Ivory or Jergens)	12" Ruler
Toothbrush (in original packaging)	\$1.00 per kit for shipping
Band-aids - 3/4 to 1" size	
One-gallon re-sealable plastic bags	
\$2.00 per kit for toothpaste and shipping	NOTE: No advertisements, religious, patriotic or military symbols allowed.

Fairlington UMC is a Reconciling Congregation
with open hearts, open minds, and open doors.
We proclaim and welcome every person
as a beloved child of God
regardless of age, race, physical or mental ability,
sexual orientation, gender identity, family structure,
faith history, or life experience.

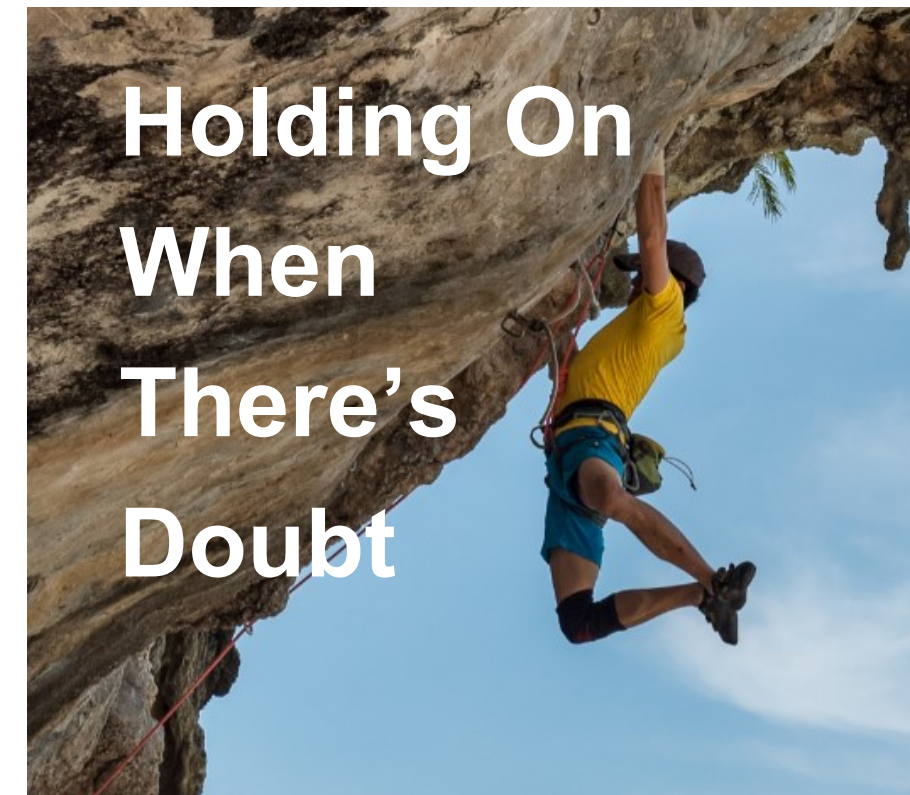
**This Week's Calendar
April 28 through May 5**

- April 28 Sunday**
9:30 AM Confirmation Class -- Room 303
9:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Worship -- Sanctuary
10:30 AM Coffee & Conversation -- FH
11:00 AM Worship -- Sanctuary
12:15 PM General Conference Briefing -- FH
12:15 PM Five by Five Handbells -- Room 112
2:00 PM Ethiopian Church -- Chapel/211
6:00 PM Youth Dinner and Program -- Youth Room
7:00 PM Bible Study -- Room 109
- April 29 Monday**
10:30 AM - 2:00 PM Staff Meeting -- Parlor
7:00 PM Renovaré -- Room 114
7:00 PM Cadette Girl Scouts -- Room 110
7:00 PM Cub Scout/Boy Scout Committee -- Room 109
- April 30 Tuesday**
5:30 PM AA -- Room 111
6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop -- FH/309/310
7:30 PM Band of Mothers -- Parlor
7:30 PM Christmas Party Planning Mtg -- Room 109
- May 1 Wednesday**
6:00 PM Girl Scouts -- Room 111
6:00 PM Family Dinner **RESCHEDULED FOR MAY 8**
6:30 PM Cherub Choir -- Room 106
6:30 PM Joyful Ringers -- Room 112
7:15 PM Chapel Choir -- Room 106
7:30 PM OA -- Room 110
7:30 PM Cub Scout Pack FH/309/310, 302/304
- May 2 Thursday**
9:00 AM Preschool Closed for Parent Conferences
2:00 PM Lazarus Ministries -- FH/109/110
6:30 PM Jubilate Handbells -- Room 112
7:00 PM OA -- Room 110
7:45 PM Chancel/Seraphim Choir -- Room 108
- May 3 Friday**
12:30 PM Muslim Prayers -- FH
5:00 PM UMW Plant Pre-Order Pickup -- FH
7:00 PM Cadette Girl Scouts -- FH
7:30 PM Ethiopian Church -- Chapel
- May 4 Saturday**
8:00 AM Fairlington Spring Clean -- FH and all rooms
8:00 AM UMW Plant Sale -- FH/parking lot
- May 5 Sunday**
8:00 AM Inova Blood Drive -- FH
9:30 AM Confirmation Class -- Room 303
9:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Worship -- Sanctuary
10:30 AM Coffee & Conversation -- FH
11:00 AM Worship -- Sanctuary
12:15 PM Five by Five Handbells -- Room 112
2:00 PM Ethiopian Church -- Chapel/211
5:30 PM Youth Vocal Ensemble -- Room 108
6:00 PM Youth Program -- FH and Youth Room
6:30 PM Companions in Christ -- Room 114
7:00 PM Bible Study -- Room 109

Worship Attendance April 21: 730

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Text your donations to (703) 454-8702



Do you feel you're barely holding on? When we were looking for an image to illustrate our new sermon series after Easter, this picture was one of the options. My first thought was, it looks too desperate. If this person lets go, he'll be in serious trouble. "Desperate" is not how we think about our congregation.

But desperate is a word that describes the disciples. Death had taken Jesus. Because they were afraid, they hid behind locked doors. All of them, at some point, were doubting, not just Thomas. It was the lowest point of their life together.

So maybe it does describe us at our lowest points. Even when resurrection is all the rage, we're seriously having trouble with what to believe, how to think about the latest news, how to imagine things getting better. Yep, desperate may describe where we are today.

Then, not once, but three times, Jesus says, "Peace be with you." We're listening, Jesus, we're holding on.

~Pastor Mary Beth

*Fairlington United Methodist Church
welcomes all to a nurturing faith community that
serves God by serving others.*

We're Glad You're Here! We invite all worshipers to sign the red **Friendship Pad** that is at the end of each pew and pass it down your row. Prayer requests may be listed on the **yellow** pew cards. Pass them to the inside aisle for collection during the first hymn.

Is This Your First Visit with Us? We have gifts for first-time worshipers on the Welcome Table in the Narthex (foyer). Ushers can provide **large print hymnals** and **hearing devices**. Ask them for a **Kid's Pack** and **Children's Bulletin** as well as directions to the **Nursery**, or to our **Family Room** in the balcony.

Coffee and Conversation All are welcome to the **Fellowship Hall** (directly below the Sanctuary) at 10:30am every Sunday between services, to get to know others in a casual setting.

The White Rose on the Altar celebrates the life of Isolde LeBrie, who passed away April 17. She is Floyd Baker's mother and the grandmother of Homer, Megan and Josh Baker.

The Flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God by Jackie Nelson in memory of David L. Nelson, who passed away April 26, 2015.

The Flowers on the Altar are given for the glory of God by Louise Batdorf, in memory of Bill Batdorf.

Remember with Prayers Each week in worship and at our church staff meetings we lift up the prayer requests that are submitted. You may also contact the church office with your prayer requests.

Bev, Marion, Jean, Myrta, Betsy, Tim, Shawn, Andy, Pauline, the Philibin and Felt Families, Gayla, Kay, Marilyn, Julian and Carmen, Ana, Mirta Madre, Patti, Jane, Corey, Mimi, John, Hermann Family, Patrick, Julie, Sharon, Richard, Jake, Tyler, Karen, Chris, Lynn, Mark, Charlotte, Diane and Brady, Jennifer Fred's family, Shao, Jia, John, Zongmin, Anne, Lisa, Betty, Guido, Amilia, Billy and Ruth, Jane, Lynn, Pencie, Cathy's mom, Bill and the Briggs Family, Jim and Paula, Ellen and Family, Kevin, Karl, Andy, Sissy, Peggy Norwine, Bob and Tiffany, Evert and Elisabeth, David and Isabelle, Julie and Gary, Janet, Steven, Miguel, Kathleen and Debra, Florawd Family, Mikey, Madison and family, John and Velvita, Ralph, Clara and Street Children's Ministry, Joe Watkins, Laura, Kathy, Claudia, Jenni, Janet, Mike, Billy, Jon, Paul, Gamble Family, Roberta, Patricia, Nicolas, Charles, Rex, Ana, Mary, Emily, Connie, Jane, Linda, Sharon, Karen, Jeff, Suzanne, Barb, Patty, Carol, Bev, Joan, Andrea, Dana, Buck, David, Sissy, Brian and Jean, Katie and Cindy, Jeff, Victoria, Mak, Anne Randy, Jane, Chris, Thomas, Jerry, Sam, Howard, Bob, Connie, Jane, Plank Family, Casey Family, Parker, McNichol and McVety Families, Pat, Bob, Jane, Mike, Erin, Peter, Hector and Angela, Steve, Pam, Christian, Al, Bill and the Briggs Family, Jim and Paula, Ellen and Family, Kevin Karl, Andy, Carlos, Brian, Gordon, Keith, Lynn, Chris, Mark, Corey, Stevie, Robert, Karen, Susan, Mike, William, Bethany, Judith, Janet, Mark, Carol, Patty, Kevin, Buck, Bev, Barb, Tom, Lauren, Dana, Andrea, blessings to those who are unable to be with us today, and for the victims in Sri Lanka.

Serving This Morning

Acolytes 9:30 Maddy Miller 11:00 Ava Miller
Children's Church Clarke Ansel, Jen Harrington
Nursery Sabina Pandey, Anne Hancock
Readers 9:30 Clint Janes, Charles Raasch
11:00 Al Ross, Christopher Ryan
Ushers 9:30 **Stan Beall**, Jeff Barnes, Linda Hauenstein, Jim Knael, David Hauenstein,
11:00 **Sarah Laryea**, Laurie Willshire, Susan Batchelder, Wray Sexson
Sound Techs 9:30 Richard Weroniski 11:00 Kent Smiley

Welcoming You to Fairlington!



Sunday, May 5
"Holding On When the Ask Is Big"
Preacher: Devon Earle
Blood Drive: 8 am-1 pm
Sunday Evening Bible Study: 7pm

Sunday, May 12—Mother's Day
"Holding On When the Valley is Dark"
Preacher: Mary Beth Blinn;
Witness: Ann Hancock
United Methodist Women Special Recognition

Sunday, May 19—Youth Sunday
"Look, Know, Love"
Witnesses: Mia Larsen, Beck Moniz, Kate Sapp,
Janae Schnur, and Meaghan Smiley.
"New to Fairlington" Orientation & Lunch

Sunday, May 26
"Growing Older and Living Fully"
Preacher: Mary Beth Blinn

Today after the 11am Service

What's Coming Next: After the General Conference

Are you wanting to know more about what is being done by leaders in the United Methodist church following the vote at the General Conference? Join us **this afternoon in the Fellowship Hall** for an update and Q & A with **Rev. Dr. David McAllister-Wilson**, president of Wesley Theological Seminary. We will have a light lunch following the 11am service and the presentation will start at **1pm**. This is a Church Council sponsored event. No RSVP needed.

Nurturing...

STARTS TONIGHT >Adult Bible Study on 2 Corinthians
Sunday Evenings Beginning Tonight, and 5/5, 5/12, 5/19, and 6/2
7-8:30pm in Room 109

All are welcome to join us for this short term study facilitated by Glenn McLoughlin. What is *2 Corinthians* all about? Paul's second letter to the Corinthians explores the meaning of the cross in terms of personal suffering--his own, and that of all the Messiah's people. If in Galatians he is angry, if in Philippians he is joyful, in this letter his deep sorrow and the raw wounds of his own recent suffering are very apparent. Yet Paul is determined to view all of his suffering and all of the troubles of the world through the lens of the gospel. These studies by author Tom Wright on this powerful epistle point us toward the strange comfort to be found in the suffering, death and resurrection-life of Jesus, the Lord of the world. Questions or to RSVP contact **Christian White** christian@fairlingtonumc.org.

**NEW DATE FOR
FAMILY DINNER**

Family Fun for Everyone!

Family Dinner Night
Cookout on the Playground
Wednesday, May 8 6pm
Reservations due by Monday, May 6
\$10 per person/\$25 per family

We will have a cookout, followed by a brief prayer service and mini-sermon on the *5 Love Languages* by Gary Chapman. RSVP to **Christian White**, christian@fairlingtonumc.org

SAVE THE DATE for Family Fun Day at Camp Highroad
Saturday, June 22 - More Info Coming Soon!
Canoeing, Archery, Swimming, Hayride, and a Campfire with S'mores!

Tonight! All Youth Are Invited to a Dinner and Program at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will eat together, play together, and talk about God. If you have never been and want to know more, contact **Rev. Christian White** at christian@fairlingtonumc.org.

Fairlington United Methodist Women Book Discussion
All women of the church are invited to discuss *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah over a potluck lunch, **Sunday, May 19, 12:30 to 2:30pm**. RSVP to **Carol Weldon**, cweldon2@verizon.net.

Serving...

Sign Up Today for the 2019 FUMC Blood Drive



♥ Schedule your appointment at <http://bit.ly/FUMC2019>, or
♥ Go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> and type *Fairlington UMC* in the "Find a Blood Drive" box, or
♥ Call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767).
Red Cross technicians will be in the **Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 5 from 8am-1pm**.
Appointments are still available. Don't delay!

JOIN TEAM FUMC! StepALIVE! Walkathon Sunday, May 5 2pm
Join our fund-raiser for the Alive! pre-school serving low-income working families in Alexandria. We invite you and your family to get onboard the FUMW walking team! Join in walking with your friends and families (start at First Christian Church, 2723 King St.). To join the team, either as a walker or a contributor, go to <http://stepalivewalk.org/FUMWStepALIVE>.
For team info contact Captains **Denise Taylor** hokies91@cox.net or **Karlene Masters** karlenemasters@hotmail.com.
For general questions and information see **Rolf Blank**, rolfb444@gmail.com or go to <https://www.alive-inc.org>.

Clergy and Staff

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The Order of Worship

April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter

✠ Congregation is invited to stand if able.

Congregation reads the **bold print**.

Hymn or **Hymnal** = United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS = The Faith We Sing Hymnal

We Gather in Praise

Prelude *Processional on "Lobe den Herren"* Martin Shaw

Welcome and Announcements

April Children's Birthdays (9:30)

Happy Birthday to you! Happy Birthday to you!

Happy Birthday, God loves you! Happy Birthday to you!

✠ Call to Worship Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in the sanctuary;

Praise God in the heavens!

Praise God for mighty deeds;

Praise God according to God's surpassing greatness!

Left: Praise God with trumpet sound;

Right: Praise God with lute and harp!

Left: Praise God with tambourine and dance;

Right: Praise God with strings and pipe!

Left: Praise God with clanging cymbals;

Right: Praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord!

✠ Hymn 310

He Lives

ACKLEY

(Please pass prayer cards to the center aisle)

✠ Statement of Faith

Hymnal 883

To Hear God's Word

New Testament Reading

Revelation 1:4-8 [NT p. 245]

The Word of God for God's People. **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn 377

It Is Well with My Soul

VILLE DU HARVE

✠ Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31 [NT p. 115]

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